Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person, Possession of a Firearm while Possessing Drugs for Sale, Possession of Ammunition by a Prohibited Person, Possession for Sales of Heroin and Possession for Sales of Marijuana with Arrest

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<u>Incident:</u> Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person, Possession of a Firearm while Possessing Drugs for Sale, Possession of Ammunition by a Prohibited Person, Possession for Sales of Heroin and Possession for Sales of Marijuana Arrest

Contact: 805-339-4493

Location: 155 Grande Vista, Oakview

Date/Time Occurred: 9/05/14 at 1655 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Detectives with the Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit and the VCSO Gang Unit

Suspect(s): Gary Crites Jr, 42 years of Oakview

Report #: 14-11291

Narrative:

During the first week of August 2014, the City of Ventura had an increase in the number of daytime residential burglaries, and the Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit began investigating the cases. After several weeks of investigating, detectives determined that the above suspect was involved in receiving stolen property from some of the burglaries.

On 9/5/14 at approximately 1655 hours, detectives served a search warrant at the suspect's residence. During the service of the warrant, detectives found nine guns that had been stolen from recent residential burglaries. Additionally, the suspect was found to be in possession of ammunition, heroin for sales and marijuana for sales. The suspect is a long time property crime and narcotics offender with numerous prior felony arrests, and he is prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the suspect was booked into Ventura County Jail on the following charges: possession of firearms by a prohibited person, possession of a firearm while possessing drugs for sales, possession of heroin for sales, possession of ammunition by a felon and possession of marijuana for sales. All of the stolen property that was recovered was returned to the rightful owners.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at 339-4493.